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AMENDMENT

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2000, applicant amends the above captioned patent application as follows.

IN THE TITLE:

✓ Please cancel the present title and replace it with:

✚ REEL ROTATION AND OPTICAL DETECTION MECHANISM
FOR VIDEO CASSETTE DECK ✚.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

✓ Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure as filed with the following:

✚ ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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An object of this invention is to reduce the manufacturing cost by simplifying a reel rotation detecting mechanism in a video cassette deck. A light emitting element and a light receiving element are engaged on a main substrate provide under a deck chassis. On the deck chassis is mounted a light guiding member that includes a pillar portion extending through the

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